

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Voeller on 9/09/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please incorporate Claim 57 into Claim 43 in the following manner and subsequently cancel Claim 57:

Claim 43:

A urological measuring instrument for determining a magnitude of urine flow, the instrument comprising:

a receiving member for receiving the urine flow; and

a urine guide in communication with the receiving member, comprising an inlet and an outlet for the urine flow, the urine guide further comprising a flow indicator for measuring the magnitude of the urine flow, the flow indicator in communication with the inlet and the outlet,

wherein the instrument has a compacted storage state and an expanded ready-to-use state, and in the compacted storage state the receiving member, urine guide, and flow indicator are substantially folded onto each other with respective external surfaces facing each other and are

substantially flush with each other, and in the ready-to-use state, the receiving member is open on at least one side, comprises a cavity for receiving the urine flow therein, and is in liquid communication with the inlet of the urine guide, and

the flow indicator comprises a plurality of outflow openings and side channels arranged in a side wall of the urine guide through which the urine flow occurs, whereby the number of the outflow openings through which the urine flow occurs is a measure of the magnitude of the urine flow.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not disclose alone or in combination a device comprising a flow indicator comprising a plurality of outflow openings and side channels arranged in a side wall of a guide through which fluid flow occurs, whereby the number of the outflow openings through which the urine flow occurs is a measure of the magnitude of the flow, wherein the flow indicator is substantially folded onto other components of the device with respective external surfaces facing each other and are substantially flush with each other in a compacted storage state of the device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-8340. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9 am - 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on 571-272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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